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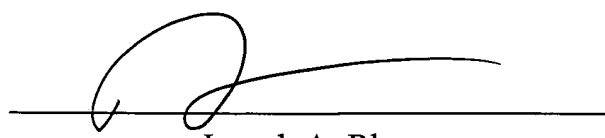
This application was filed on November 2, 1999. On September 29, 2000 Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment. In response thereto, a Petition to Have Notice of Abandonment Withdrawn was filed on October 5, 2000, and a Second Status Inquiry was filed February 5, 2001. Since then Applicant has not received any communication from the Patent Office regarding the Petition. Inquiry is made as to when an Action or some form of communication will be forthcoming. **Please direct any response to this inquiry to Coral A. Jones at telephone number (703) 816-4107.**

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